

Alexandria Gazette

WEATHER REPORT
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with probable showers; not much change in temperature; light to moderate southerly winds.
High tide 10:17 a. m. and 10:43 p. m.
Sun rises 4:59; Sun sets 7:13

BECKER'S LAST DAY ON EARTH

Books, Pens, Paper, Trinkets, etc., Removed From His Cell

IN DEATH'S GARMENTS

Prison Barber Shaves Spot on Head Where Electrode Will Be Placed Tomorrow Morning.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 29.—Charles Becker began this morning his preparations for death as less than twenty hours stand between him and the electric chair.

For the first time since he entered the forbidding walls of Sing Sing Becker was stripped of his civilian clothing. He put on the loose-fitting garments of the death chair, a costume much like the native Chinese wear. He said nothing as the change was made.

While Becker was at his last breakfast the guards visited his cell. His books were taken out, so were his pens, paper, trinkets and other belongings. A close search was made to see that nothing was secreted with which he might commit suicide—although Becker has promised to die bravely and not cheat the electrician. Just one thing—aside from the cot—was left in the cell of the condemned murderer. It hangs at the head of his prison bed. Becker did not ask to have it left there. The two guards noticed it simultaneously. They looked at one another—and then turned to other parts of the cell and left it here.

It was a picture of his wife, whose nerve and hope had not failed until today.

Becker will say good-bye to this picture the last thing tomorrow morning. Mrs. Becker herself will say good-bye tonight.

From his bath today Becker was taken to the prison barber. This ordeal is perhaps the most trying of the many which face one about to die. Becker's hair was cropped close. On the top of the head a little round spot was shaved.

It is on this spot the electrode will rest at 5:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The prison barber has shaved tiny round spots on the head of not a few who have gone the way Becker is to go. Yet his hand was a bit unsteady today as he warned the former police lieutenant, robust in mind and body, a manly-looking figure, to sit absolutely still while the razor made ready for the electrode.

Becker took his last shower bath after these ministrations were made. He went through everything calmly. After that he returned to his cell and sat down to wait—less than twenty hours.

CALLS GERMANS A CURSE.

Armenian Massacres Increasing, Says Earl of Crewe.

London, July 29.—The Earl of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, replying in the House of Lords yesterday to a question by Viscount Bryce concerning the killing of Christians in Armenia by the Turks, said information received at the Foreign Office showed that such crimes lately had increased, both in number and in degree of atrocity.

They included, he declared, both wholesale massacre and wholesale deportations, which were carried out under the guise of enforced evacuation. Similar crimes, he added, had been committed by the Turks against Christians on the Persian border.

The presence of the Germans and the influence they exercised had been the Earl of Crewe continued, "an absolute and unmitigated curse both to the Christian and Moslem population." They had shown a most complete cynical disregard for the country and the people who inhabit it, he asserted.

The Lord President of the Council said he regretted that it was impossible to take immediate steps for the suppression of such atrocities, but that those responsible for them ultimately would receive just punishment.

CHAUFFEUR'S CONFESSION.

Tells Story of Plot Against J. Franklin Schneider.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 29.—Harry C. Carlisle, the Washington chauffeur arrested in Philadelphia and brought here in connection with the alleged murderous assault by Thomas G. Forney, Washington attorney, upon his father-in-law, T. Franklin Schneider, wealthy candy merchant of the National Capital, at the Hotel Anderson here on June 23, has confessed, according to the police, that he was implicated in the plot against the millionaire's life.

"Forney sent for me and offered to give me \$50 to do a job on him," said Carlisle in his alleged confession. "I asked him what the job was, and he said: 'Come to Pittsburgh with me and beat up an old man.' I refused to do this, but volunteered to suggest."

William McHenry, a Washington waiter. I did not know that the old man Forney wanted to beat up was his father-in-law, but I supposed it might be."

Carlisle was arrested in Atlantic City shortly after the attempt upon the life of Mr. Schneider, but later was released upon it being found that he could not be extradited. Carlisle was arrested in Philadelphia Tuesday by Detective Henry, of this city, and was brought here that night to answer a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony. He will be given a hearing today. Carlisle had been held by the Atlantic City authorities for thirty days, and upon being released was trailed to Philadelphia by Detective Henry.

Forney and McHenry, the police allege, attempted to kill Mr. Schneider while he was entering his room at the hotel early in the morning of June 23. One of the two struck him on the head with a hammer, but his straw hat deflected the blow. McHenry says that three attempts had been made to kill Schneider, one in Philadelphia and two in this city. Forney and McHenry and William Bowers, a Washington chauffeur also charged with being implicated, are locked up here awaiting trial.

CONVICTED OF DYNAMITING

Canadian Alleged to Have Conspired With Detroit Man

Windsor, Ont., July 29.—William Lefler, of this city, was found guilty yesterday in a justice court at Sandwich, a suburb, on 2 of 3 counts in an indictment charging him with dynamiting the plant of the Peabody Manufacturing Company at Walkerville, near here, and placing dynamite under the Windsor armory several weeks ago.

The name of Albert Kalschmidt, a Detroit business man, was brought in to the case with the reading of one of the counts upon which Lefler was convicted. This count held that Lefler conspired with Kalschmidt and "one Schmidt" to wreck the Peabody building and the Windsor armory. The other count alleged Lefler was responsible for the explosion at the Peabody plant.

The third count, in which Lefler was accused of unlawfully having dynamite in his possession, was squashed with the consent of the Crown's Attorney.

An appeal probably will be taken to the Ontario High Court on the ground that the indictment against Lefler was defective. Kalschmidt has not been detained by Government officials in Detroit or by Dominion authorities.

TO SUPPLY 800,000 RIFLES

Westinghouse Company Gets Further War Orders.

New York, July 29.—Announcement was made today by the Westinghouse Electric Company of the receipt of a further large order for war supplies.

"Our proposition for an additional order for rifles has been accepted," said G. E. Tapp, chairman of the board of directors. "The details of the formal contract are now under discussion."

It was understood that the order called for 800,000 rifles for foreign governments and that the company also had an option on 200,000 additional rifles. The amount involved in the contract could not be ascertained although the last previous order is said to have been on the basis of \$27.50 per rifle.

RUSSIANS STEM GERMAN WAVE

Muscovites Succeed in Recapturing Three Galician Towns

MAKE FIERCE ATTACK

Take 1500 Prisoners and Inflict Heavy Losses on Enemies—Confident Warsaw is Safe.

Petrograd, July 29.—Russian arms withstood three furious attacks by Field Marshall von Mackensen's German troops near Krubiesof and by a brilliant counter offensive swept forward irresistibly, recapturing three villages from the enemy.

The official war office statement today related this incident to show the German wave was breaking fruitlessly on the solid rock of Russian defense.

The enemy continued to attack practically throughout the entire territory from the Wieprz to the Bug. It was on Wednesday night that the Russians captured the villages of Rakolupy, Majadan, and Ostawsky, with a total of 1,500 German prisoners. Continuing the war office says:

"Persistent enemy attacks continue north of Stepankovitsze. We repulsed three furious attacks to break our front, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

"South of Sokal (Galicia) we repulsed the enemy who crossed the Potourzhitsze on Wednesday morning. In these sections we took numerous prisoners. The enemy has brought up reinforcements."

"Fighting of severest intensity continues on the upper Bug, marked by heavy artillery firing. Along the Narew the enemy is attacking also with heavy artillery."

"In the vicinity of the mouth of the Iskwa, a portion of the enemy captured our trenches. Counter-attacking, with bayonet charges, we repulsed him."

"On the right bank of the Narew the enemy's offensive is fruitless." The statement added that there were no material changes elsewhere along the front.

POPE RECEIVES PROPOSAL

Kaiser Suggested That Pontiff Mediate Between United States and Germany

Rome, July 29.—It is learned here that the Prussian Minister accredited to the Holy See, who recently has been living in Switzerland, has conveyed to Pope Benedict a proposal from the Kaiser suggesting that the Holy See offer to mediate between Germany and the United States and promising to abide by the Pope's decision if mediation should be accepted.

It is further reported that the Pope replied that he was unable to offer mediation, because he resides in a beligerent country where Germany's representatives cannot come, and because, condemning submarine warfare, he could not pass upon a matter involving its justification. The Pope informed the Kaiser that his efforts were devoted to shortening the war and lessening its horrors.

The Pope called attention to the fact that as the Holy See was neutral, it could not assume the arduous task of settling controversies between the powers. He suggested, therefore, that the Kaiser submit the question to The Hague tribunal.

SCAFFOLD FALLS.

Two Men Hurt When Scaffold on New High School Building Collapses.

About two o'clock this afternoon a scaffold on the new high school building collapsed and two bricklayers, Charles Clarkson and Wood, were thrown to the ground. Neither of the two were injured seriously, however, although shaken up and hurt slightly by the accident. Clarkson was taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment.

BECKER MUST DIE

Justice Ford Denies Appeal of condemned Man

New York, July 29.—Supreme Court Justice John Ford handed down a decision at 10 o'clock last night denying Charles Becker's appeal for a third trial. This means that Becker must die in the electric chair in Sing Sing tomorrow morning at 5:45 o'clock.

The justice declared that he had virtually come to a decision on Wednesday night, but that he wanted to review every available precedent and re-read every case cited by both W. Bourke Cockran for Becker, and District Attorney Perkins.

Justice Ford asserted that he did not believe that there was any appeal from his decision. He is backed in this opinion by District Attorney Perkins and Assistant District Attorney Taylor and Richter.

The justice declared that the motion could not be granted under the common law; that he had no such powers as Mr. Cockran ascribed to him, and that he was compelled to agree with Mr. Perkins and Mr. Taylor that he was held hard and fast to the statutes set forth in the code of criminal procedure.

Becker's own affidavit, the justice points out, must be disregarded because it is admitted not new evidence. He declares that very little of Kaufman's affidavit is admissible. Former Sheriff Ginty's affidavit, the opinion holds, carries no weight, because it seeks to impeach Rose. He says the same of the statement of Joseph Murphy, the convict who swore he heard Bridgie Webber "framing" Becker.

Harford T. Marshall's affidavit, the justice contends, is not admissible on the grounds that it intends to impeach a witness for the people. Harry Applebaum's affidavit, the justice says, contains nothing that Becker might not have produced in his own defense at his trials.

"I am of the opinion," the justice says in his decision, "that when subjected to the test of the statutes and the decisions, there is not enough competent evidence proffered to have changed the result had it been received upon the trial."

Ossining, N. Y., July 29.—The news that a new trial had been denied Becker was received at the warden's office at Sing Sing at 10:23 last night. At 10:35 Deputy Warden Johnson went into the death house. Not a sound was heard. Becker, his face haggard, was trying to read, but without success.

The sound of footsteps was heard in the death house corridor. Not a word was spoken, but every one of the seventeen men in the condemned cells knew in his heart what the deputy had to tell. Becker saw him coming. One look was enough. As Johnson approached, Becker stood up. The deputy warden said in low, clear tone: "I have had news for you, Charley. Your appeal has been denied." Becker appeared dazed, while he echoed brokenly the deputy warden's last word: "Denied! Denied!" Then he pulled himself together, and in a quavering voice exclaimed:

"Well, I'll die like a man anyway."

As Deputy Warden Johnson made his way down the echoing corridor Becker grasped the bars of his cell door and bowed his head, as if in prayer. The lines on his face were graven as he raised his head again. He had aged years while he heard the message. Through Father Cashin, his spiritual adviser, he issued the following statement:

"I am satisfied that I will get no justice here and all that I do get will be in the next world. Eventually the truth will come out and the world will know that Becker is telling the truth and that he is not the foul murderer he is accused of being."

ROBBED WHILE HE SLEPT.

Thief Carries off Pantaloons Containing One Hundred And Twenty-Eight Dollars.

A sneak thief entered the residence of John Stonhill, No. 116 south Alfred street, last night and made off with Mr. Stonhill's pantaloons in a pocket of which were \$128. The burglar entered the bed room from the rear portion of the house. The police have been notified of the theft.

Little Miss Viola Barrett during the absence of her mother from the city, is the guest of Miss Evelyn Howard.

SITUATION SAID TO BE ALARMING

Feeling at American Embassy in Berlin Becoming More Acute

GERARD STANDS FIRM

Attitude of Ambassador New—Had Previously Been Doing Everything to Prevent a Rupture.

Berlin July 29.—There is no chance to doubt that the situation growing out of the new differences between the United States and Germany is regarded here as extremely serious. Americans in Berlin who are in touch with the American embassy know that the feeling there has become extremely grave.

Ambassador Gerard in his dealings with the foreign office has adopted a firm attitude, indicating, in effect, that the Lusitania incident is closed as far as he, speaking for the United States Government, is concerned; that he expects to have nothing further to communicate to Germany on the subject.

This attitude on the part of the ambassador is new. Gerard who was in closest touch with developments here and at home, made strong efforts in the direction of an agreement between the two governments. He even sent to Washington, following the dispatch of the last German note, several propositions, urging a compromise and pointing out the possibilities for an amicable understanding.

Gerard now, however, has taken the position that inasmuch as President Wilson declines to commit the United States to such compromise he as ambassador, must stand rigidly by the declared position of the United States.

There are many expressions of regret that Gerard was unable to see the Kaiser in an attempt to clear up the situation. He of course, now considers the time past for such a conference with the Emperor.

It developed today that it has been a long time since Ambassador Gerard saw Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, secretary for foreign affairs.

ST. JOHN'S IS SAFE.

Big Excursion Boat Was Built for Ocean Service.

Though she is the largest excursion steamer in service on the Potomac, and one of the largest in this section of the country, the big sidewheel steamer St. John's is as safe a vehicle for travelling as can be found.

She is of exceptionally strong construction, having been built to run to sea between Savannah and Jacksonville, and her officers are as skillful as can be found in their profession.

That she is not taxed to carry the 2200 passengers the navigation laws allow her to carry, is shown by the fact that when she came here about eight years ago she was allowed several hundred more persons and she daily carried the large throng to Colonial Beach and back with ease and comfort. The St. John's is now making daily trips except Monday to Colonial Beach leaving here Saturdays at 2:30 p. m. and other days at 9 a. m. Colonial Beach is now in the midst of its midsummer gaieties and dancing, boating and bathing parties are the order of the day.

Many hundred persons are daily going to the beach to spend their vacations and hotel and boarding house accommodations can be found there to suit any purse. Monday evening the St. John's will make one of her 40 mile runs on the river, leaving here at 7 p. m. and returning at 11 p. m.

KILLS SISTER BY MISTAKE.

Philadelphia, July 29.—Ignorant of the fact that his shotgun was loaded, 13 year old Antonio Battagliese, of No. 1228 South Thirteenth street, pointed it at his sister, Katharine, aged 17, and pulled the trigger, yesterday, inflicting wounds which resulted in the girl's death several hours after the shooting.

WILL DELAY ANSWER

Germany Awaiting Results of American Negotiations With Great Britain

Berlin, July 29.—The imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has returned here from general headquarters, but nothing regarding the results of his conference with the emperor can be ascertained at present beyond confirmation of the fact that the German answer to the American note as previously stated will not be delivered for some time if, indeed, it is decided to prepare an answer.

There is no chance whatever of formal abandonment of the submarine warfare on the present basis, although submarine commanders may be impressed with the advisability of avoiding complications with the United States and of taking whatever steps they can to that end.

Developments in the American negotiations with Great Britain unquestionably will have an important reflex action of the German-American situation. German statesmen are waiting eagerly to ascertain whether the American note to England is as stiff in tone as that to Germany before making a final decision on the German policy.

Meanwhile the successes of the submarine campaign are again being brought into the foreground of public interest.

London, July 29.—The new British note to the United States in the course of preparation will be an amplification of the original American contraband note which arrived in Washington Monday.

It will take up the questions which have arisen since the first note was drafted.

Defense of the right of a belligerent to blockade a neutral port through which an enemy is receiving supplies or attempting to market his own products is the chief argument to be made in the supplemental note Great Britain is preparing in reply to the American protest against the enforcement of the orders in council.

EXTRAORDINARY MESSAGE

Enver Pasha Tells Turkish Soldiers They Will Be Sent Home Within a Month

Athens, July 29.—Enver Pasha issued an extraordinary message to the troops on the Gallipoli peninsula before the last big attack. It ran thus:

"Soldiers, you will fight with all your strength. At least, you will resist as long as possible, for I can promise you within a month's time I shall be able to send you to your homes."

It is learned that pressure has been put on the Germans by the Young Turks to fulfill the promise to send German armies through the Balkans to the assistance of the Turkish forces. A correspondent says:

A prominent military expert who has just completed a tour of the Balkan states, and who latterly has been in Austria, expresses to me the belief that such an effort will be the next great move on the part of the Austrians and Germans.

Should this cross move be made it will have immediate and important results in this corner of Europe. It would be unwise to give details which are within my knowledge, but I think it may be permitted to say that counterbalancing events are moving rapidly and the Teutonic plans may quite possibly be nipped in the bud by a surprising move of which the public should hear at an early date.

CHARTER ISSUED.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday issued a charter to the Bolivian Loan and Construction Company, Alexandria, maximum capital, \$2,000,000; minimum, \$10,000; par value, \$100; building and loan association; Carlos R. Duque, president; G. T. Green, secretary, both of New York City.

The Allison W. C. T. U. will meet at the Children's Home tonight at 7:45 o'clock. This will be the last meeting of the summer.

Halibut, Sea Bass, Salt Water Tailors, Rock Fish, Croakers, Butter Fish, Blue Fish, Salt Water Trout will be on sale the balance of the week. George E. Price and Company.

CONDITIONS BAD AT HOPEWELL

Delegation From Good Government Association Meets Stuart

WANT STATE ACTION

Alleged Local Authorities Are Unable or Unwilling to Cope With Present Conditions.

Richmond, July 29.—For more than an hour yesterday afternoon, Governor Stuart heard a committee representing the Good Government Association of Hopewell tell of conditions as "they really are" at the powder plant city in Prince George County.

The statements of this delegation are said to be decidedly at variance with those made to the Governor Monday by Chief of Police W. H. Henderson and other citizens of Hopewell, who reported that "conditions were rapidly improving" and that the local authorities were meeting with success in their efforts to stamp out lawlessness. The first delegation wanted the Governor to keep "hands off" for thirty days and give them a chance to "clean up" the town.

The committee told the Governor of wholesale graft, gambling, illicit sale of liquor, and other lawless proceedings. They said that the county authorities of Prince George were absolutely unable to cope with the situation, and that the local police force had showed no disposition to stamp out highly immoral conditions. Open violence has been suppressed, except for occasional outbreaks, but "the underworld" is allowed to operate unmolested. Members of the committee declined to go into details of the charges laid before the governor.

Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, who has been actively interested in the investigation of conditions at Hopewell, made by detectives employed at the instance of the Governor, was not at his office yesterday and his whereabouts were not made public. It was rumored that he had gone to Hopewell or would do so within a few days to make a personal investigation.

GERMANS TO PRAY FOR CAUSE

Protestants Will Hold Services—Pope Sends Letter

Berlin, July 29.—The Protestant Church Board in Germany has decided that next Sunday shall be observed by Divine services, invoking aid for the national cause. The funds to be collected on this day are to be devoted to the succor of widows and orphans. This announcement was made today by the Overseas News Agency.

At the same time this agency declared that Bishop Korum, of Treves has received an autograph letter from Pope Benedict thanking him for the Pope's pence contribution. The Pontiff says he deeply regrets this bitter and prolonged war, which has robbed the Holy Father of the possibility of maintaining personal relations with his best friends.

The Pope closes his communication by sending the Apostolic blessing to the Bishop, the clergy and their nation, which, like all others in these hard times, is depressed by the prolonged and deep-rooted sorrow of the war.

DOG LICENSES.

Within a few days the police will be furnished with a list by City Auditor Price of the persons who have paid their dog taxes for the current year, and owners of dogs who have not paid licenses will be haled before Police Justice Caton. Only 479 licenses have been issued so far this year.

The meeting of the Potomac Baptist Association, composing the members of the Baptist Churches of Alexandria city, Alexandria, Loudoun, Fairfax, and Prince William counties, will be held at Del Ray, Alexandria county, on August 11, 12 and 13.